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YUKARI TODA)	Examiner: A. Alavi
Application No.: 09/902,172)	Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: July 11, 2001)	
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APPARATUS, IMAGE)	
PROCESSING METHOD, AND)	
PROGRAM AND STORAGE)	
MEDIUM THEREFOR)	January 4, 2005

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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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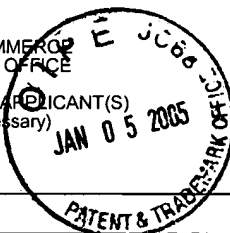
Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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